

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City Council.
Austin, Texas Oct. 1st. 1898.

Hon. Jno. D. McRall, Mayor presiding.
Gavel called.

Present: Aldermen Anthony Fischer, Haynes, Norton, Shum, Maddox, McLenore,
Morris, Titschke, Blatt, Powell, Rosengarten, Shelley Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend
and Gilmer 18.

Absent: Aldermen Beatty, Miller, Dodd and Robertson. 4.

Minutes approved. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as recorded without reading.

Petitions, Memorials etc.

Petition by Alderman McLenore stated that a petition had been handed him requesting
removal stand pipe the removal of the stand pipe at the corner of Trinity and 6th Street, but that he
had left said petition at his office. He moved that the City Engineer be directed
to remove the stand pipe at corner of 6th and Trinity streets as requested by
the petitioners, which motion prevailed.

Aldermen Miller and Dodd entered the Council Chamber.

Pet. of Colorado Stock Co. by Alderman Stumpf. Petition of Colorado Stock Co. asking permission to
change their older and change their Horse Carriage into a Horse Wagon; the expense of the
change to be borne by the Company. On motion the petition was granted.

Pet. from Geo. A. Brush A communication from Geo. A. Brush asking the Council to appoint a Committee
for appointment committee to test the pumps and filtering ditched at the new water station was
of Comt to test Pump road and the Mayor requested to appoint a Committee for that purpose.

Neworking funds. The Mayor appointed as such Committee, Aldermen Gilmer, Maddox McLenore
Crooker and Fischer.

Pet. of H. M. Davis by Alderman Gilmer. Petition of H. M. Davis, for permission to erect an iron
to wood frame building on Lot 3. Block 4. Read, and on motion the petition was granted.

Reports of Standing Committees.

Street Comt. reported to Alderman Titschke for the street Committee presented the following report:
On several petitions On the petition of Citizens to have State Street worked and repaired, the
Committee report that owing to the depleted condition of the City's finances
the improvements cannot be made at present.

On the petition of Mrs Lucy L Davis proposing to sell the City certain ground
for street purposes, the Committee report that they do not deem it advisable
for the City to purchase said ground at the present time.

On the petition of Citizens to have Ottaway Street opened, the Committee report
that under an opinion of the City Attorney which they present, that they
do not consider that they have any jurisdiction in the matter.

On the petition of Citizens on East 4th Street, asking the opening of said 4th
Street in Out Lot 8 Div. O, report that said street cannot be opened without
the purchase of a part of the ground, they therefore cannot recommend the
granting of the petition at the present time.

On motion the reports of the Committee were adopted.

Finance Committee. Alderman Morris for the Finance Committee to whom was referred the
message of the Mayor in regard to tax law for the year 1898, presented a report
submitting an ordinance on the subject and recommending its passage. On motion
the report was laid over to come up with the ordinance, under the head of new
business.

(Alderman Morris) for the Police Committee, to whom was referred the report

Policeman's report of the City Marshal for the month of September 1898, presented a report stating
City Marshal's rpts that the reports had been examined and found correct. The report was adopted.
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Unfinished Business.

Alderman Peaty entered the Council Chamber.

On the motion of Mr. Peaty, the Mayor laid before the Council, an ordinance to prevent the disturbance
of public worship by the rapid driving of vehicles.

The ordinance was read the second time, and a motion made to suspend the rule and place
the ordinance on its third reading, which was lost by the following vote:
Cas. Alderman Peaty, Belvin, Robison, Maddox, McSemore, Miller, Scott, Townsend,
and Zilker. 9.

Chas. Alderman Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Nuhn, Morris, Stitschke, Powell,
Reed, Rosengren, Shelley, Stark, and Taylor. 12.

Alderman Scott moved, that the Council take up and consider the report
of the Claims and Accounts Committee upon the petition of Mr. A. H. Harrington
in behalf of Harrington asking a correction in his assessment for taxes for 1897, which report was
presented to the Council at the last meeting. The motion prevailed.

The report and letters relating to the matter were read.

Aldermen McSemore and Zilker were excused from further attendance at this
session of the Council.

Alderman Horton moved that Assessor and Collector Stevens be requested
to make a statement regarding the petition of Mr. Harrington which motion
prevailed. The City Attorney also made a statement in regard to the petition.

After which, Alderman Belvin moved that the Assessor and Collector be
authorized and directed, to correct the assessment of Mr. Harrington for
1897, as requested in his petition, and that he be allowed credit for the
amount on final settlement of his account for that year, which motion prevailed.

Proprietary of Robinson by Alderman Peaty. Communication from A. Robinson, proposing compro-
mises of certain back taxes on the property known as the old Davis place.
back taxes

Read and referred to the Claims and Accounts Committee.

New Business.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following veto message:

Mayo's Office,

Austin, Texas, October 13th 1898.

To the Hon. City Council
of the City of Austin.

Gentlemen:-

At the last regular meeting of your Honorable body, an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$1020.64 to pay approved accounts was passed, in which appeared the following items:

Chatsman Sub. Co. for Newspaper Printing \$36.40
Tribune Sub. Co. " " 19.60

I wish to inform your Honorable body, that I have not approved the
above items, for the following reasons:

I drew the above pieces excessive, for the reason, that the City has a
contract for the printing, with the Evening News therefore it seems to
me, that all printing done for the City, should be at the contract price.

October 13, 1898.

Geo. J. McCall, Mayor.

Mayor's veto sustained. The motion was then put, shall the ordinance pass notwithstanding the objections of the Mayor, and the motion lost by the following vote:

Yas: Aldermen Crooker, Fischer, Haynes, Huhn, Maddox, Miller, Morris, Platt, Cowell, Ridd, Rosengren, Shelley, Taylor and Townsend 14.

Nays: Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Horton, Stitschke and Stumpf 5.

Ord. Appr^{ed} \$681.48 to pay Approved Accts. by Alderman Morris. An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$681.48 to pay Approved Accts.

Alderman Belvin was excused from further attendance at this session of the Council. The ordinance was passed, under suspension of the rules by the following vote:

Yas: Aldermen Beatty, Crooker, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Huhn, Maddox, Miller, Morris, Stitschke, Platt, Cowell, Ridd, Rosengren, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor and Townsend 18.

Nays: None.

Ord. Appr^{ed} \$78.00 to pay Approved Accts. by Alderman Morris. An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$78.00 to pay Approved Accts Street Department.

The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules, by the following vote:

Yas: Aldermen Beatty, Crooker, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Huhn, Maddox, Miller, Morris, Stitschke, Platt, Cowell, Ridd, Rosengren, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor and Townsend 18.

Nays: None.

Resolution in regard to having the Streets sprinkled by Electric Car Sprinkler. Alderman Haynes offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted.

Resolved, by the City Council of the City of Austin, That the Mayor be requested to appoint a Committee, consisting of the Water and Light Committee and the Mayor, to confer with the managers of the Rapid Transit Railway Co, and if possible, to obtain some proposition from them looking to the operating of a modern electric street sprinkler over their line. Also as to the advisability of the City making a test of sprinkling streets by hose from the fire hydrants, as is now being done by San Antonio, and report to the Council.

Ord. Appr^{ed} \$80.00 to pay salary of one Dog Catcher, for the months of Sept. and Oct. 1898. by Alderman Powell. An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$80.00 to pay salary of one Dog Catcher, for the months of Sept. and Oct. 1898.

The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules, by the following vote:

Yas: Aldermen Beatty, Crooker, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Huhn, Maddox, Miller, Morris, Stitschke, Platt, Cowell, Ridd, Rosengren, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor and Townsend 18.

Nays: None.

Ord. levying taxes for year 1898. by Alderman Morris. An ordinance levying taxes for the year 1898.

The ordinance was read first time. Alderman Platt moved that further consideration be postponed until the next regular meeting, and that it be published in full in the minutes, which motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yas: Aldermen Beatty, Crooker, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Huhn, Maddox, Miller, Platt, Ridd and Rosengren 11.

Nays: Alderman Morris, Stitschke, Cowell, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor & Townsend of the following is the ordinance:

Ordinance levying Taxes for the year 1898.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Austin:

Section 1. That there is hereby levied, and shall be collected by the City of Austin, the following taxes for the year 1898, to-wit:

First, L. I., or One-hundred-eighty (180) cents, on each one hundred dollars worth of property situated within the corporate limits of said city and main-

Six Ordinance for Taxable by law for State and County purposes; said Tax to be used for the current expenses and general improvements of the City of Austin, and its property, and to pay one third of a Judgment and interest, in favor of the Austin, Water Light & Power Company.

Second. A Tax of Sixty cents on each one hundred dollars worth of property situated within the corporate limits of said City, and made taxable by law for State & County purposes, for the purpose of paying Interest & sinking fund on the Water Works and Electric Light Bonds heretofore issued by the City of Austin.

Third. A Tax of Seven cents on each one hundred dollars worth of property made taxable by law, for State & County purposes situated within the corporate limits of the City of Austin, as the same existed and were defined prior to the time an Act of the Legislature of the State of Texas entitled "An act to incorporate the City of Austin, to grant it a new Charter and extend its boundaries" passed in the House April 1st 1891, and in the Senate April 3rd 1891. Such Tax shall be used to pay Interest and Sinking Fund, on the valid Bonds of the City of Austin, issued prior to May 1st 1890, and refunding Bonds issued since that date, amounting in the aggregate to One hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars.

Fourth a Tax of Thirty-three and one third cents, on each one hundred dollars worth of property situated within the corporate limits of the City of Austin and made taxable by law for State and County purposes for the maintenance and support of the Public free Schools of the City of Austin.

Section 9. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force, from and after its passage.

On motion the Council adjourned

J.W. Johnson
City Clerk.